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3. HEW WISHES EMPHASIZE THAT TEXT IS A DRAFT WRITTEN
AT STAFF LEVEL AND DOES NOT RPT NOT HAVE APPROVAL
SECRETARY WEINBERGER, WHO WILL WANT, PERSONALLY, TO
APPROVE FINAL TEXT AS PREPARED BY STAFFS OF BOTH COUNTRIES
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AND EMBASSY.

TEXT OF DRAFT OF JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

AT THE INVITATION OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE, MARIAN SLIWINSKI, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE, CASPAR W. WEINBERGER, VISITED THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC FROM AUGUST 26 - 30, 1973. SECRETARY WEINBERGER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CHARLES C. EDWARDS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, ROGER O. EGEBERG, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR HEALTH POLICY, AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. DURING HIS VISIT, SECRETARY WEINBERGER MET, AMONG OTHERS, WITH MINISTER MARIAN SLIWINSKI AND STAFF OF THE MINISTRY, DR. ZDZISLAW KACZMAREK, DEPUTY MINISTER OF SCIENCE, HIGHER EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY, DR. JERZY KUBERSKI, MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ, TO DISCUSS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND POLAND IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION.

SECRETARY WEINBERGER AND MINISTER SLIWINSKI REVIEWED THE STEPS BEING TAKEN BY BOTH COUNTRIES TO IMPLEMENT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COLLABORATION IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES, WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THEM IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 15, 1973. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEMORANDUM IS TO REAFFIRM THE MUTUAL DESIRE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE BOTH TO STRENGTHEN AND EXTEND THEIR COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE HEALTH AREA. THE MEMORANDUM PROVIDES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING JOINT RESEARCH BETWEEN COLLABORATING LABORATORIES AND INSTITUTIONS; EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS; EXCHANGE OF VISITS OF SCIENTISTS; ORGANIZATION OF SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIA AND CONFERENCES; AND THE EXCHANGE OF MATERIALS, DRUGS, AND BIOLOGICALS. ADDITIONALLY, THE AGREEMENT FOCUSES FUTURE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS ON JOINTLY DETERMINED PRIORITY AREAS. NINE AREAS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. THESE ARE: CANCER, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, REHABILITATION, NEUROLOGIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISEASES, METABOLIC AND ENDOCRINE DISTURBANCES, TRANS-PLANTATION AND NEPHROLOGY, AND MODELS OF HEALTH PROTECTION ORGANIZATION.

TO FACILITATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND ARE IDENTIFYING EXPERT TEAMS TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE WORK PLANS FOR EACH AREA. BASED ON THESE WORK PLANS, INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

PROJECTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. A TECHNICAL EXPERT, REPRESENTING ALL OF THE INTERESTED COMPONENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE, HAS ALREADY VISITED POLAND TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES CONCERNED WITH NEPHROLOGY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A TEAM CONCERNED WITH MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH WILL VISIT POLAND IN EARLY OCTOBER.

IT WAS AGREED THAT, IN EARLY 1974, PROGRESS UNDER THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE EVALUATED JOINTLY. THE RESULTS OF THIS EVALUATION WILL DETERMINE WHICH AREAS WILL BE SPECIFIED FOR FUTURE COOPERATION.

BOTH SECRETARY WEINBERGER AND MINISTER SLIWINSKI EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE EXCELLENT COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM THAT NOW EXISTS AND WITH PROGRESS MADE TO DATE TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW AGREEMENT. THEY REAFFIRMED THAT U.S.-POLISH COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HIGH PRIORITY WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS. THEY FURTHER AGREED THAT BOTH SIDES SHOULD STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN SOCIAL WELFARE.

THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN DEPUTY MINISTER OF SCIENCE, HIGHER EDUCATION, AND TECHNOLOGY, ZDZISLAW KACZMAREK, AND THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING, JERZY KUBERSKI, AND SECRETARY WEINBERGER INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS OF EDUCATION ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN AND THE EXPLORATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF EXCHANGING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF EDUCATION.

THESE CONVERSATIONS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE WITH MINISTER SLIWINSKI AND THE OTHER SCIENTISTS AND EXPERTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECRETARY WEINBERGER HAD IN POLAND, WERE A PART OF THE SECRETARY'S PURPOSE IN COMING TO POLAND: TO LEARN FIRST HAND OF THE MANY POLISH ACHIEVEMENTS IN THESE AREAS AND ATTEMPT TO FIND WHAT AMERICAN EXPERIENCE WOULD BE USEFUL IN POLAND. THE SECRETARY BELIEVED THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN THE FIELDS OF CANCER AND HEART DISEASE. HE WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY POLISH ADVANCES IN THE FITTING OF ARTIFICIAL LIMBS AND NEUROPHYSIOLOGICAL STUDIES, ESPECIALLY AS THEY RELATE TO PARKINSON'S DISEASE.

LEAVING POLAND, SECRETARY WEINBERGER EXPRESSED HIS GREAT PLEASURE AT HAVING SEEN SUCH IMPRESSIVE INSTITUTIONS AND HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SITES AND AT HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MANY LEADING SCIENTISTS AND

OFFICIALS IN WARSAW, KRAKOW, AND KONSTANCIN. HE THANKED
MINISTER SLIWINSKI FOR THE GRACIOUS AND GENEROUS
HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND TO HIS PARTY DURING THEIR
STAY IN POLAND. END TEXT.
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